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engineering standards. For years he worked whole-heartedly to bring about the formation of such an organization. It was due in no small measure to his efforts that the American Engineering Standards Committee is now functioning.

The broader aspects of the scientific and engineering work of the Federal Government were clearly presented in a series of papers by Dr. Rosa. His analysis of government expenditures, printed in this journal, was largely quoted by leading periodicals as well as in both Houses of Congress.

SCIENTIFIC ITEMS

WE record with regret the death of Dr. Francis Bacon Crocker, the electrical engineer, formerly professor at Columbia University; of Dr. Marshman Edward Wadsworth, dean emeritus of the School of Mines of the University of Pittsburgh, and of Dr. Gabriel Lippman, professor of physics in the University of Paris.

DR. FRANK PIERREPONT GRAVES, dean of the school of education of the University of Pennsylvania, has been appointed commissioner of education of the state of New York and president of the University of the State of New York.

THE Adamson lecture was delivered at the University of Manches-

ter on June 9 by Professor Einstein, who had been invited by the council in accordance with a senate recommendation passed on February 3. At the opening of the proceedings the honorary degree of D.Sc. was conferred on him. Professor Einstein lectured on June 13 at King's College, London, on "The development and present position of the theory of relativity." After the public lecture Professor Einstein was the guest of the principal of King's College at a dinner given in the college.

THE Louisiana State University will receive \$7,500,000 for new buildings and equipment as a result of the action of the Constitutional Convention which has just adjourned, this sum having been set apart for the purpose from funds accruing from the newly established severance tax on oil and other natural resources. Plans are now being made for the erection of the new buildings on a tract of two thousand acres near Baton Rouge, Olmstead Brothers, of Brookline, Mass., having been secured as landscape architects. The new constitution, which has just gone into effect, also provides for a half-mill tax, which it is estimated will yield an annual income of approximately a million dollars for the maintenance of the university.